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This pamphlet is a summary of the applicable laws and regulations governing sport fishing in West Virginia. The West Virginia Code and the West Virginia Code of Rules contain the details of these laws and regulations. Both publications are available for review in the Director's Office and Division of Natural Resources District Offices. Copies of the official regulations may be obtained from the West Virginia Secretary of State. Year-round fishing is in effect unless otherwise noted.

New for 2007

Blue Catfish

24-inch minimum size limit and two fish daily creel limit for blue catfish statewide.

Walleye

18-inch minimum size limit and two fish daily creel limit for walleye from the Cheat, Kanawha, and New rivers.

Yellow Perch

15 fish daily creel limit for yellow perch from Cheat Lake.

Black Bass

12-16 inch slot limit for black bass from South Mill Creek Lake.

Hybrid Striped Bass

4 fish daily creel limit and 8 fish possession limit applies to fish 15 inches or larger in aggregate with striped and white bass in Beech Fork Lake. No restrictions for these fish under 15 inches.



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Landowner – Sportsmen Relations

West Virginia anglers are indebted to local landowners throughout the state. Without their consent and generosity, fishing would be restricted to state and federal lands. The opportunity for continued use of private property is largely dependent upon anglers' attitudes and conduct. Most stream closures are the result of disrespect for private property.

Statement of Policy Relative to Public Use of Facilities

It is the policy of the Division of Natural Resources to provide its facilities, accommodations, services and programs to all persons. Complaints should be mailed to: Director, Division of Natural Resources, State Capitol Complex, Charleston, WV 25305, or to the Office of Human Resources, U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, Hadley, MA 01035-9589. The Division of Natural Resources is an equal opportunity employer.